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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DUCHESNE COUNTY

STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL	)	PETITION TO APPROVE 2000
DETERMINATION OF ALL THE	)	COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2001
RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER	)	BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESS-
BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND	)	MENTS, 2001 SCHEDULE OF DIS-
WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF	)	TRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO
THE UINTAH BASIN IN UTAH	)	APPOINT THE 2001 RIVER COMMIS-
	)	SIONER FOR THE LAKE FORK AND
	)	YELLOWSTONE RIVERS
	)	
	)	Docket No. 3070
	)	Judge John R. Anderson
	)	

Petitioner and the Committee for the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, submit herewith the 2000 Annual Report of the Commissioner, the proposed 2001 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, and the 2001 proposed Schedule of Distribution, in accordance with the Interim Distribution Order signed by the Court on May 18, 1998. Petitioners, also, request the Appointment of the River Commissioner for the year 2001.

In support of this Petition, Petitioners represent to the Court that;

1. By its Interim Order dated May 18, 1998, a committee of water users for the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers was organized under the direction of this Court. Petitioner Lynn Hansen, was Chairman of the committee appointed by this Court to support the River Commissioner and to aid in carrying out the orders of this Court, in connection with the distribution system for the waters of the Lake Fork and the Yellowstone River systems.

2. The Committee of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers met on February 27, 2001 and Petitioner Lynn Hansen was elected Chairman of that committee and is authorized to file this Petition on behalf of said committee.

3. The committee received and approved the 2000 report of the administration of the waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers by William Christensen, the River Commissioner for the year 2000. A copy of that report is filed herewith.

4. The committee reviewed and approved a budget, with schedule of assessments, for the expenses of the River Commissioner for the year 2001. The Budget and Schedule of Assessments are attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

5. The committee has reviewed and approved, after consultation with the Utah State Engineer, a proposed Schedule of Distribution of the Waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers

and recommends it to the Court, for the year 2001. The proposed Schedule of Distribution is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

6. The committee voted to recommend to the Court the appointment of Bill Christensen as River Commissioner of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, for a term of one (1) year. Petitioner further alleges that Bill Christensen is a competent and qualified person to act as said Water Commissioner.

7. It is requested by the committee, if for any reason the River Commissioner does not complete his term of office or is unable to fulfill his obligations as River Commissioner, that the committee be authorized to select a temporary replacement River Commissioner.

8. The committee requests that the Interim Order entered for the irrigation year of 1998 be reaffirmed and made applicable for the 2001 irrigation year, in the following respects:

a. It is requested that the River Commissioner be allowed to distribute the water of the streams and reservoirs involved in accordance with this Court's Interim Order and to do all things necessary for the proper and correct measurement, diversion and distribution of said waters, in accordance with the Decrees of the Federal District Court and state laws.

b. That the River Commissioner be directed to confer with the respective committees in developing a schedule for distribution

of water, specifically, the manner in which the waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, and their tributaries, should be distributed, after consultation with the State Engineer, and shall submit for next year a recommended Interim Distribution Order to this Court for its consideration.

c. That the River Commissioner be directed to deliver and distribute the waters of such non-Federal water rights in the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, in accordance with the proposed Schedule of Distribution, attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

d. That the waters for the Federal and non-Federal water rights be distributed in accordance with the terms and limitations of the 1923 Federal Court Decrees in cases numbered 4437 and 4418.

e. That the River Commissioner be required to work with the respective committees to prepare a recommended budget to be submitted to the Court for the next year. Said annual report and recommended budget are to contain assessments made, monies received, along with a report of expenditures. The Court, after receiving the proposed annual budget, shall provide a thirty (30) day period for objections to be filed.

f. Upon approval by the Court, the River Commissioner be authorized to manage the budget, to implement the ordered assessments and collection of assessed amounts from the non-Federal

water user organizations or water users, and request assessment and collection from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project, in accordance with the approved budget and schedule of assessment.

g. Any person or entity, which is a water user in the subject rivers, or otherwise affected by the actions of the River Commissioner, may petition and appear before this Court (about the assessment amounts, the manner in which the water is distributed and/or any other claim relating to the distribution of water). In the event there is a violation of the Court's Order or any part of this Petition or, in the opinion of the River Commissioner, the occurrence of the unauthorized use of water, the River Commissioner be directed to recommend to this Court a solution to the problem, including any remedy to be imposed on the unauthorized water user or violator of the Order.

h. If a non-Federal water user fails to pay any assessments levied, when due, that water users further use of water is prohibited.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

1. That the 2000 report of the administration of the waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers be approved, as submitted and filed herewith.

2. That the 2001 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

3. That the proposed 2001 Schedule of Distribution of Waters of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. That Bill Christensen be appointed to serve as River Commissioner of the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers, for a period of one (1) year.

5. That the Committee for the Lake Fork and Yellowstone Rivers be authorized to appoint a temporary replacement should the River Commissioner be unable to complete the one (1) year term.

6. That the applicable provisions of the 1998 Interim Order, as presented herein, be reaffirmed and made effective for the year 2001.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2001.

By: Lynn Hansen  
Lynn Hansen  
Chairman of the Committee  
for the Lake Fork and  
Yellowstone Rivers

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2001

	PROPOSED	APPROVED
SALARY	33,730.00	
MILEAGE	3,200.00	
FICA	2,580.00	
UTAH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	25.00	
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION FUND	960.00	
OFFICE SUPPLY	100.00	
ASSOCIATED WATER	1,375.00	
RECORDERS. REPAIRS, AND ETC.	2,000.00	
OFFICE O & M	600.00	
PUBLISH REPORT	130.00	
TRUCK PHONE	300.00	
PROPERTY AND MISC.	100.00	
RETIREMENT FUND	2,000.00	
LEGAL	800.00	
TOTAL	47,900.00	

# ASSESSMENT FOR 2001 PROPOSED BUDGET

APPROPRIATOR	AMOUNT DIVERSION CHARGED 2000	ASSESSMENT FOR 2001
CRYSTAL RANCH	0	\$ 0.00
DRY GULCH IRR. CO.		
UINTAH AREA	17,746	5,750.87
LAKE FORK AREA	53,348	17,287.58
FARNSWORTH CANAL & RES. CO.	16,719	5,417.96
HANSON, GORDON FAMILY	80	25.87
HARTMAN, J BRUCE	300	96.76
LAKE FORK IRR. CO.	4,071	1,319.17
LAKE FORK WESTERN IRR. CO.	5,022	1,627.16
LUSTY CATTLE INC.	20	6.71
MONARCH CANAL & RES. CO.	255	82.87
ROWLEY DITCH	0	0.00
SANDWASH IRRIGATION CO.	2,007	650.48
SOUTH BONETA IRR. CO.	1,246	403.80
T N DODD IRR. CO.	719	232.79
UTELAND DITCH CO.	2,148	695.99
TOTAL ASSOCIATED	103,681	33,598.01
UINTAH PROJECT	44,135	14,301.99
TOTAL	147,816	\$47,900.00



# LAKE FORK DISTRIBUTION

IR#	Appl. #	Cert. #	Appropriator	Priority Date	Flow cfs	Storage af	Use	Canal	Source	Irrig. Ac.
3-3013	360	1231	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	140.06		IRR	Lake Fork Canal	Lake Fork	9701.43
3-3020	402	1171	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	17.05		IRR	Lake Fork Canal	Lake Fork	1207.86
3-3014	360a	1215	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	1.88		IRR	Payne Canal	Yellowstone	493.21
3-1682	359	1213	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	62.20		IRR	Dry Gulch Canal	Lake Fork	4245.79
3-1683	359a	1214	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	21.05		IRR	Red Cap Canal	Lake Fork	8751.74
3-1684	366	1217	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	110.00		IRR	Red Cap Canal	Lake Fork	8751.74
3-1685	385	1220	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	5.81		IRR	Dry Gulch Canal	Lake Fork	393.42
3-1686	403	1228	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	3.30		IRR	Dry Gulch Canal	Lake Fork	230.36
3-3021	402a	1175	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	0.33		IRR	Uteland Ditch	Lake Fork	24.57
3-3022	403a	1229	Indian Irrigation Servi	01/01/1861	6.00		IRR	Payne Canal	Yellowstone	493.21
3-3028	416c	1669	Lake Fk Irrigation Co.	07/31/1905	1.57		IRR/DOM	Dry Gulch #2 Canal	Lake Fork	117.71
3-3023	416	2059	Dry Gulch Irrigation	07/31/1905	42.00		IRR	Dry Gulch #1 Canal	Lake Fork	5827.37
3-3026	416b	2045	Dry Gulch Irrigation	07/31/1905	68.50		IRR/DOM	Dry Gulch #2 Canal	Lake Fork	9587.38
3-3027	416b-1	2071	Lake Fk Irrigation Co.	07/31/1905	13.50		IRR/DOM	Dry Gulch #2 Canal	Lake Fork	1008.51
3-3025	416a-1	2061	Dry Gulch Irrigation	07/31/1905	14.20		IRR	Dry Gulch #1 Canal	Lake Fork	1920.18
3-3024	416a	2060	Dry Gulch Irrigation	07/31/1905	19.00		IRR	Dry Gulch #1 Canal	Yellowstone & Lake Fork	2660.78
10375	438a	2070	Dry Gulch Irr/Mitchell	08/19/1905		70	FC/Stock	6 Reservoirs	Lake Fork	23.33
3-3029	438a	2070	Dry Gulch Irrigation	08/19/1905	98.20		IRR	Dry Gulch #2 Canal	Lake Fork	11633.61
2503	438	2069	Dry Gulch Irrigation	08/19/1905	107.71		IRR	Payne Canal	Lake Fork	12519.71
3030	460	2265	Dry Gulch Irrigation	08/29/1905	52.40	9204	IRR	DG#1/DG#2/Payne	Lake Fork	3068.01
11107	460		Dry Gulch Irr/Sky Vie	08/29/1905	3.10	651	IRR	Lake Fork Canal No. 1	Lake Fork	217.01
3031	460a	1850	Lake Fk Irrigation Co.	08/29/1905	7.50		IRR	Dry Gulch #2 Canal	Lake Fork	613.26
1687	491	153	Clark & Ada M. Lusty	09/08/1905	2.00		IRR	Hamilton Ditch	Lake Fork	128.86
3056	883a	460	Uteland Ditch Co.	04/26/1906	0.74		IRR	Uteland Ditch	Lake Fork	44.41
3055	883	425	Purdy, Hardy, Solomo	04/26/1906	3.80		IRR	Purdy Ditch	Lake Fork	228.91
3032	498	389	Lake Fk Irrigation Co.	09/17/1906	1.97		IRR	LF Western Canal	Lake Fork	158.01
3065	1226	880	Lake Fk Western Irr.C	03/02/1907	28.00		IRR	LF Western Canal	Lake Fork	2151.01
1690	1178	994	Clark & Ada M. Lusty	07/07/1907	0.73		IRR	Knudsen Ditch	Lake Fork	51.11
30368	1711	1471	Timothy/Goniotakis	01/07/1908	4.00		IRR	Payne Canal	Yellowstone	231.23
8071	1759	1422	Dry Gulch Irrigation	02/17/1908	28.50		IRR/DOM	Payne Canal	Lake Fork	2050.61
3073	1881	488	Uteland Ditch Co.	05/25/1908	1.20		IRR	Uteland Ditch	Lake Fork	102.21
30362	1931	1464	Altamont Land & Dev.	07/03/1908		28	FC/Stock	3 Reservoirs	WF Lake Fork	
718	1931	1464	Farnsworth Canal Co.	07/03/1908	111.78		IRR	Farnsworth Canal	WF Lake Fork	10950.73
30363	1931	1464	Altamont Land & Dev.	07/03/1908		26.94	FC/Stock	2 Reservoirs	WF Lake Fork	
691	2040	999	Uteland Ditch Co.	08/20/1908	2.00		IRR	McAfee Ditch	Lake Fork	129.36
077	2091	1411	Dry Gulch Irrigation	09/25/1908	9.00		IRR	Payne Canal	Yellowstone	633.71
084	2548	836	Uteland Ditch/Hagber	07/01/1909	7.11		IRR	Uteland Ditch	Lake Fork	499.91
719	2609	3152	Farnsworth Canal Co.	07/31/1909	25.22		IRR	Farnsworth Canal	WF Lake Fork	10950.73
088	2797	540	Irrig. Farms Mortgage	11/06/1909	1.71		IRR	Purdy Ditch	Lake Fork	120.91

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3-3089	2883	1746	Dry Gulch Irrigation	12/18/1909	2.87		IRR/DOM	Payne Canal	EF Lake Fork	205.95
3-3-1695	3198	398	Clark & Ada M. Lusty	05/09/1910	1.08		IRR	Hamilton Ditch	Lake Fork	76.06
3-3098	3369	1745	Dry Gulch Irrigation	07/06/1910	42.00		IRR	Diverting Dam	Yellowstone	2860.91
3-3099	3466	1584	Uteland Ditch/Danek	08/20/1910	5.26		IRR	Uteland Canal	Lake Fork	368.18
3-3103	3575	1499	So. Boneta Irrig. Co.	10/06/1910	8.80		IRR	So. Boneta Ditch	Lake Fork	616.73
3-2535	3652		First Security Bank	12/29/1910		14000	IRR	Moon Lake Reservoir	WF Lake Fork	70000.01
3-3106	3800a	949	Uteland Ditch Co.	02/25/1911	0.83		IRR	Uteland Ditch	Lake Fork	57.93
3-3117	4203	1749	Lake Fk Irrigation Co.	08/26/1911	12.00		IRR	Ditch	Lake Fork	1061.67
3-3122	4614	868	Arthur Barney	04/12/1912	0.36		IRR	Ditch	Lake Fork	25.11
3-3123	4684	2010	Moon Lake Water Us	05/22/1912		730	IRR	Clement Lake	Lake Fork	1587.08
3-3125	4872	474	Sharpstone	09/26/1912	1.50		IRR	Crystal Ditch	Yellowstone	101.91
3-3130	5061	1617	Bryant Gilbert	02/13/1913	0.26		IRR	Ditch	Lake Fork	18.41
3-3138	5662	701	Ephraim Lambert	03/26/1914	15.00		Flour Mill	Headgate & Ditch	Lake Fork	
3-1710	6355	2252	Moon Lake Water Us	07/28/1915		851.2	IRR	Farnsworth Canal	WF Lake Fork	4776.1
3-1709	6353	2251	Moon Lake Water Us	07/28/1915		759	IRR	Kidney/Brown Duck	WF Lake Fork	4852.3
3-1717	6356	2253	Moon Lake Water Us	07/28/1915		1500	IRR	Farnsworth Canal	WF Lake Fork	4776.1
2-2533	7104		First Security Bank	01/22/1917		25000	IRR	Moon Lake Reservoir	WF Lake Fork	70000.01
3-3154	7130	1017	Uteland Ditch/Waugh	01/22/1917	0.15		IRR	Purdy Ditch	Lake Fork	18.61
3-3206	10124	2050	Uteland Ditch Co.	03/04/1917	0.59		IRR	Purdy Ditch	Lake Fork	37.49
3-3165	7645	1864	Moon Lake Water Us	02/25/1918		115	IRR	Water Lily Lake	Yellowstone	2860.91
3-1716	7901	2254	Moon Lake Water Us	11/07/1918		1700	IRR	Farnsworth Canal	WF Lake Fork	4887.3
3-3164	7644	1863	Moon Lake Water Us	03/24/1919		334	IRR	Farmers Lake	Yellowstone	2860.91
2-2532	8386a		Farnsworth Canal Co.	11/18/1919		1350	IRR	Twin Pots Reservoir	Lake Fork	70000.01
2-2534	8532		Moon Lake Water Us	05/03/1920		2500	IRR	Twin Pots Reservoir	WF Lake Fork	70000.01
3-3096	3268	1102	Uintah Power & Light	03/14/1921	25.00		MUN	Headgate	Lake Fork	
3-3069	1711	1747	Dry Gulch Irrigation	05/12/1924	4.00		IRR	Payne Canal	Yellowstone	261.28
3-3201	9799		Moon Lake Water Us	08/17/1925		640	IRR	Drift, Bluebell, Spider	Yellowstone	392.21
3-3200	9796	1866	Moon Lake Water Us	05/11/1926		30	IRR	White Miller Lake	Yellowstone	2860.91
3-3196	9628	1865	Moon Lake Water Us	04/27/1928		104	IRR	Deer Lake	Yellowstone	2860.91
3-3192	9383	2272	Geo. E. Fisher Jr.	11/29/1929	2.28		IRR	Rowley Ditch	Lake Fork	42.91
3-1699	3945	2173	I. Warren Odekirk	01/16/1934	1.80		IRR	Ditch	Lake Fork	86.01
467	13412		Myton City	03/04/1940	2.00		D M		Lake Fork	None
505098	13900a		Moon Lake Water Us	11/09/1940		620	IRR	East & Middle Timothy	Trib. Yellowstone	90000.01
2-2245	13233	4490	Rue Miles	12/08/1942	1.59		Irr/Stock	Ditch	Trib. to Lake Fork	141.61
3-3333	17978		Moon Lake Water Us	08/13/1946	330.00		IRR	Sandwash/Browns Dr	Yellowstone & Lake Fork	73000.01
2-2239	13056	5889	Moon Lake Water Us	02/29/1952	66.22		Power	Dam and Pipes	Yellowstone	
3-538	8298		Moon Lake Water Us	08/08/1953		400	IRR	Superior Lake	Yellowstone	6680.01
501	8300		Moon Lake Water Us	08/08/1953		500	IRR	Five Point Lake	Yellowstone	6680.01
850	30028		Clarence J. Murray	07/07/1958	2.50		IRR		Trib. to Lake Fork	151.01

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3-3618	33361	6681	Grant Hansen	06/22/1961	4.95	5.29	IRR	Dam and Ditch	Trib. to Lake Fork	20.01
3-3616	33359	7276	Grant Hansen	06/22/1961	5.00	17.67	IRR	Dam and Ditch	Trib. to Lake Fork	66.66
3-3623	33740		Dean A. Reay	08/31/1961	1.65		Irr/Stock	Ditch	Trib. to Lake Fork	135.95
3-32	34707		Grant Hansen	11/09/1962		45	I S FC		Trib. to Lake Fork	66.25
3-3663	34707		Grant Hansen	11/09/1962		76	I S/FC	Reservoir No. 1	Trib. to Lake Fork	59.25
3-31	34707		Grant Hansen	11/09/1962		60	I S FC		Trib. to Lake Fork	66.25
3-3703	35200		Grant Hansen	04/29/1963		18	IRR	Unnamed Reservoir	Trib. to Lake Fork	54.21
3-3825	36642		CUWCD	11/27/1964		50000	I S/FC/R	Lake Fork Reservoir	Yellowstone & Lake Fork	37500.01
3-5077	37704		Wildlife Resources	06/15/1966	3.00	1200	FC	Big Sand Wash Res	Yellowstone & Lake Fork	
3-3436	22936		Zanes Minerals	07/01/1969	1.75		IRR	Ditch	Trib. to Lake Fork	75.01

MAILING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF UTAH            )  
                              )       ss.  
COUNTY OF DUCHESNE    )

Lynda L. Case, being duly sworn, says:

That she is employed in the office of McKEACHNIE, ALLRED, McCLELLAN & TROTTER, P. C. attorneys for Petitioners, herein; that she served the attached PETITION TO APPROVE 2000 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2001 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, 2001 SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO APPOINT THE 2001 RIVER COMMISSIONER FOR THE LAKE FORK AND YELLOWSTONE RIVERS, by placing a true and correct copy thereon in an envelope addressed to:

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and deposited the same, sealed, with first class postage prepaid thereon, in the United States mail at Roosevelt, Utah, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

Lynda L. Case  
Lynda L. Case

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

My commission expires:



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My Commission Expires  
July 26, 2002  
State of Utah

[Signature]  
Notary Public